Cultural organisations getting grants from Government

1447. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Little Theatre Group, Shri Ram Centre for Art and Culture, Bhoomika Creative Dance Centre, Parvatiya Kala Kendra, Brechtian Mirror and Delhi Art Theater in Delhi based and Darpana Academy of Performing Arts, Ahmedabad, Mamta Shankar Ballet, Calcutta are getting grants from Government;

(b) if so, whether there is any machinery to keep a watch on the said institutions|groups for utilisation of those grants;

(c) if so, the details theerof;

(d) what is the number of performances these institutions|groups are supposed to stage in a year; and

(e) what are the details of shows staged during last three years. group institution--wise, alongwith the names of plays|ballets and dates of their performances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the scheme of financial assistance to dance, drama ensembles, there is an Expert Committee for reviewing their performance and identifying groups for grant under the scheme. The grant is sanctioned subject to proper working and submission of utilisation certificate duly supported with statement of accounts duly certified by a firm of Chartered Accountant for the purpose of grant paid to them in preceeding year.

(d) No such hard and fast ceilings has been stipulated under the scheme. The institutions|groups should determine the quality of their teaching and performances and contribution to enrich the cultural life of the country or regine where they are functioning.

(e) The information is being collected from these institutions/groups. It will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Environmental Clearance of Projects of Kerala

1448. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new hydro-electric and irrigation projects of Kerala were cleared after May, 1990 by the Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the projects of Kerala not returned without being cleared from January, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Kuttiyadi Hydroelectric Project Extension as been accorded environmental clearance along with the approval for diversion of forest land for Power Development in Chalakkuddy basin Stage-II in July, 1990.

(c) No project referred for clearance since January, 1990 awaits decision.

Degradation of forests in different States States

1449. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimate of the rate at which the forests are being degraded annually in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and